

Public Notice – Environmental Project

PURPOSE OF NOTICE:

The Department of Environmental Quality seeks public comment on the state's response to the environmental aspects of a proposed project in the City of Portsmouth, Virginia.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD:

July 18, 2007 to August 15, 2007

TYPE OF RESPONSE:

Federal Consistency Determination

DEQ is reviewing a federal construction activity to determine if it is consistent with the U.S. Coastal Zone Management Act. The act seeks to protect the quality of air, water or other natural resources in Virginia's coastal area.

NAME OF AGENCY PROPOSING THE PROJECT:

Department of Defense/U.S. Navy

PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

The U.S. Navy proposes to install a 1,868 linear foot floating security barrier to enclose a turning basin and Berths 23 through 44 at Norfolk Naval Shipyard in the City of Portsmouth. The barrier is designed to protect waterfront personnel, facilities, and assets by limiting access to the waterway immediately adjacent to the shipyard. The waterfront barrier consists of a floating steel barrier secured by an anchor and buoy system. The barrier will be marked at each of the five (5) buoys in accordance with United States Coast Guard requirements. The barrier also includes "gates" which can be opened by security staff to allow access to the shipyard by authorized vessels. The Navy has submitted a federal consistency determination that finds the proposed action consistent to the maximum extent practicable with the enforceable policies of the Virginia Coastal Resources Management Program (VCP).

HOW TO COMMENT:

DEQ accepts comments from the public by e-mail, fax or postal mail. All comments must include the name, address and telephone number of the person commenting and be received by DEQ within the comment period. The public may review the project documents at DEQ's central office in Richmond.

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